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"Grand Isle's tourism economy is different from that of Florida's white sand beaches, in that the cars going to Grand Isle all have fishing rods, not beach gear," said Rep. Melancon. "Recreational fishing is Grand Isle's lifeblood, and replacing the destroyed pier is critical to the economic viability of the island. Like the utilization of the I-10 twin span bridge as fishing reefs, the existing cement bridge to Grand Isle could serve a recreational purpose, helping to support the economic future of the island."

Rep. Melancon continued, **"I pledge to work with local, parish & state officials to make a new fishing pier on Grand Isle a reality."**

Congressman Melancon sent the letter to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, Louisiana Secretary of Wildlife and Fisheries Robert Barham, and Louisiana Secretary of Transportation and Development William Ankner. [Click here](#) to view the letter.

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